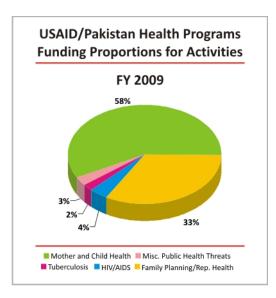
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# FACT SHEET

# Health, Population and Nutrition Program



Pakistan continues to face huge health challenges as underscored by the USAID-supported 2006/07 Pakistan Demographic Health Survey. Improvements in Family Planning and Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health have notably slowed over the last 15 years. While the civilian Government of Pakistan has given increased attention to health, funding levels for the sector remain extremely low. Other challenges include weak public health programs and sporadic health service delivery systems. Where these gaps exist the unregulated private sector provides care for those able to pay for it. Subsequently, donor assistance remains essential for basic health services to those most in need.

USAID works closely with Pakistan's Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Population and Welfare (MOPW), private sector, and other donors through its \$254 million health program. The program helps Pakistan meet family planning needs, improve maternal and child health, control

major infectious diseases, and develop essential systems for supply chain management, human capacity growth and integrated disease surveillance in the health sector in selected districts across the country. Despite socio-political difficulties, deteriorating security and the current fiscal crises, USAID health programs have achieved a number of goals.

# **2009** Accomplishments

- Trained healthcare workers and providers who, in turn, prevented over 900,000 children from contracting pneumonia.
- Treated 1.6 million children for diarrhea.
- Provided Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus immunizations to over 700,000 babies.
- Provided community midwives equipment and facilities to use in their practice and incorporated their practices into communities and health clinics.
- Trained skilled health-care providers who conducted
   1.6 million antenatal care visits and 550,000 post-partum/newborn visits within three days of birth.
- AMBULANCE

Improved access to healthcare services by providing 76 ambulances to rural health centers.

- Established 152 Oral Rehydration Therapy offices in rural health centers and hospitals in 24 districts where mothers can treat their children suffering from acute diarrhea.
- Introduced 80 "Well-Baby Clinics".
- Established 'Baby Friendly Initiatives' in 14 hospitals country-wide.
- Upgraded 148 health facilities in 24 districts and increased staff to make them functional around-theclock.
- Provided newly-trained midwives with 38,367 clean delivery kits upon conclusion of their training and distributed 138,543 clean delivery kits through community pharmacies.
- Trained 11,000 Lady Health Workers in communication and counseling skills to better convey health knowledge and promote healthy behaviors.
- Provided basic healthcare services to over 50,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from the Swat district through more than 200 health camps and four birthing centers.

#### **Current Projects**

#### Pakistan Initiative for Mothers and Newborns (PAIMAN)

PARTNER John Snow Inc. (Prime) Duration October 2004 to September 2010 Funding \$92,800,00



Pakistan has significant gender inequities in access to health services. Women have limited mobility in most parts of the country and cultural norms do not allow them to receive health care from male health workers especially during pregnancy and labor. The Pakistan Initiative for Mothers and Newborns (PAIMAN) improves the quality of healthcare services for pregnant women and newborns. In 2009, U.S. assistance trained 10,852 health care providers, 82% of whom were women. The project also renovates hospitals and rural health centers and provides ambulances as life-saving emergency transport to those living far from health facilities. In the coming year, PAIMAN will benefit more than 2.8 million married couples and 420,000 newborns. In addition, it will

provide care to ensure safer deliveries and to reduce maternal and newborn deaths in Pakistan.

#### **Strengthening Contraceptive Supply Chain and Commodity Security**

PARTNER DELIVER PROJECT | Duration April 2009 to September 2010 | Funding \$3,000,000

The DELIVER PROJECT assists the MOPW to strengthen logistics management information systems; enhance capacities to purchase high quality contraceptives; rehabilitate MOPW's Central Warehouse facility in Karachi to improve its capacity to receive, store, and distribute contraceptives; and identify sustainable ways to ensure that Pakistan has sufficient supplies of health commodities and pharmaceuticals to meet its population needs.

## Family Advancement for Life And Health (FALAH)

PARTNER Population Council (Prime) Duration June 2007 to May 2012 Funding \$60,000,000 FALAH focuses on revitalizing birth spacing in order to improve the health of Pakistani mothers and children. Working in 26 districts, FALAH raises awareness about birth spacing through public service announcements and programs, and by educating community workers. The project's goal is to satisfy couples' unmet needs for family planning information, services, and products.

#### **Technical Assistance for Capacity-building in Midwifery, Information and Logistics (TACMIL)**

PARTNER Abt Associates | Duration December 2007 to December 2009 | Funding \$10,900,000

TACMIL supports the Nursing Council and Midwifery Association of Pakistan to set and enforce standards for training midwifery tutors, midwives, lady health workers and nurses. The project is training 1,000 such health professionals in life-saving skills to deliver babies safely and to reduce neo-natal and maternal mortality. TACMIL technical assistance is establishing a hospital accreditation system and strengthening Government training and human resources management systems. TACMIL information management interventions increase policy-makers' ability to use health information for decision-making and public access to health information to keep service providers accountable for offering quality care.



# Strengthening Response to Tuberculosis and Enhance the Quality of the Directly Observed Treatment Strategy Program in Pakistan

PARTNER KNCV TB Foundation Duration July 2009 to July 2012 Funding \$11,700,000 (Estimated)

This program complements the activities of the MOH's National TB Control Program. Specifically, it strengthens coordination and supervision at the provincial and district levels; improves laboratory capacity; conducts advocacy, communication and social mobilization activities; and establishes referral links between public and private sectors.



#### Pakistan Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Testing Program (FELTP)

**PARTNER** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention DURATION October 2005 - Ongoing Funding \$5,700,000 FELTP is helping the Government of Pakistan to develop a cadre of field epidemiologists to carry out disease surveillance and outbreak response.

#### **Developing and Strengthening Institutional Capacity in Public Health Training and Research**

PARTNER Health Services Academy (HSA) | DURATION July 2008 to December 2012 | FUNDING \$1,966,755 Under this grant, USAID trains public health experts to address issues of maternal and child health, epidemiology, health policy and administration, nutrition, environmental health and other important topics in public health.

#### **Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative**

PARTNER WHO and UNICEF | DURATION September 2004 /ongoing | FUNDING \$2,000,000



USAID supports the Federal and Provincial Ministry of Health in their efforts to eradicate polio from Pakistan—one of only four remaining polio-endemic countries in the world. The program supports polio immunization campaigns, monitoring and surveillance. It also works to raise public awareness about the importance of all immunizations and to increase community participation in immunization programs.

## Pakistan Safe Drinking Water and Hygiene Promotion Project (PSDW-HPP)

PARTNER Abt Associates | Duration October 2006 to March 2010 | Funding \$17,900,000

The Pakistan Safe Drinking Water and Hygiene Promotion Project complements activities of the Government of Pakistan's Clean Drinking Water initiative. The project mobilizes communities to promote hygiene and sanitation behaviors, works through several public-private partnerships to provide water purification products, and builds the capacity of water filtration unit operators and managers to keep units operating effectively.

## **Future Projects**

Through existing and future projects, USAID will support the Government of Pakistan in achieving its 2015 Millennium Development Goals of reducing under-five child mortality to 52 or less and reducing maternal mortality to 140 or less.



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